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For Device For Absorbing Or Collecting A Liquid

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 21, 2003

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for absorbing or dispensing a liquid, said device comprising a liquid reservoir and an activatable porous membrane, said membrane being impermeable to gas and liquid, and, upon activation, thereafter allowing liquid to pass therethrough, the reservoir comprising an inlet, wherein the reservoir is at least partly occupied by a porous bulk material, the membrane being hermetically sealed to or around the reservoir so that liquid passing through the inlet must pass across the membrane.

Please add new Claims 12-13.10

12. A device according to claim 1 wherein said membrane is permanently activated upon contact with liquid.
13. A device according to claim 12 wherein said membrane is coated with a soluble layer, said soluble layer being dissolved upon contact with liquid.

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